

receives a notice from California saying she owes taxes on her pension income from California, plus the penalties and interest on those taxes.

The California Franchise Board had gone back to 1978 and calculated her tax debt to be about \$6,000. That is half of her annual income. This story, as unfair and unequitable as it sounds, is unfortunately not unique. That is why this legislation is such a big victory for all retirees in this country.●

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1995 AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1995

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in recess until the hour of 11

a.m., Thursday, December 28, for a pro forma session only, and immediately upon convening, the Senate stand in adjournment until 12 noon, Friday, December 29, and following the prayer on Friday, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period for morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 12:30, with statements limited to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, the Senate will be in tomorrow for a pro forma session only. No business will be conducted during Thursday's session. After the pro forma session, the Senate will adjourn until Friday. Once again, for the information of all Senators, Senator DOLE has stated that rollcall votes are not expected for the remainder of the week.

#### RECESS UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the

Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:12 p.m., recessed until Thursday, December 28, 1995, at 11 a.m.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive Nominations Confirmed by the Senate December 27, 1995:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ERIC JAMES BOSWELL, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

ANTHONY CECIL EDEN QUINTON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

JOSEPH LANE KIRKLAND, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

JEANNE MOUTOUSSAMY-ASHE, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

TOM LANTOS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

TOBY ROTH, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

The above nominations were approved subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.